

## OCSPP Lead Region Updates/Reminders

### UPDATES

- **Proposed Rule to Update Pesticide AEZ Requirements** On October 24, EPA Administrator Wheeler signed the proposed rule seeking comments on updates to the Application Exclusion Zone provisions in the Worker Protection Standard. The targeted updates would improve enforceability for state regulators and reduce regulatory burdens for farmers. It will maintain public health protections for farm workers and other individuals near agricultural establishments that could be exposed to agricultural pesticide applications. The proposed rule was published in the [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA\\_FRDOC\\_0001-24709"](https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA_FRDOC_0001-24709) ] on November 1, 2019 and public comments will be accepted until January 30, 2020.
- **NEW- EPA's Agricultural Worker Protection Standard Audit** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) informed the Agency of the initiation of a Congressionally-mandated a study on "the use of the designated representative, including the effect of that use on the availability of pesticide application and hazard information and worker health and safety." An Entrance Conference has been scheduled for 11/13 with OPP, OCSPP, OPEEE, and OECA, attending. GAO will also be working with DOL, OSHA, CDC, and NIOSH, on this audit.
- **Hemp** On November 14, EPA is hosting an internal Hemp 101 webinar on Pest Pressures. Please contact the Cannabis and Pesticides sub-leads, [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:Perrin.Rebecca@epa.gov"](mailto:Perrin.Rebecca@epa.gov) \t "\_blank" ] or [ [HYPERLINK "mailto:Helder.Dirk@epa.gov"](mailto:Helder.Dirk@epa.gov) \t "\_blank" ], for details. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Domestic Hemp Production Program. This program, as required by the 2018 Farm Bill, creates a consistent regulatory framework around hemp production throughout the United States. The [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS\\_FRDOC\\_0001-1919"](https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=AMS_FRDOC_0001-1919) ] is effective October 31, 2019 through November 1, 2021. Comments are due by **December 30, 2019**.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The National Pesticide Managers Video Conference will take place on January 22-23, 2020. This meeting traditionally takes place after the December Full SFIREG meeting, this year it will be moved to January due to a logistics issue. Sandra O'Neill will reach out with VTC information closer to the meeting date.
- **Asbestos** On October 26, Administrator Wheeler wrote an [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/26/opinion/letters/epa-asbestos-wnyc.html"](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/26/opinion/letters/epa-asbestos-wnyc.html) ] in the New York Times highlighting the [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/epa-actions-protect-public-exposure-asbestos"](https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/epa-actions-protect-public-exposure-asbestos) ] that strengthens safeguards related to products containing asbestos.

- **Methylene Chloride Draft Risk Evaluation Available for Public and Scientific Review** EPA is announcing the availability of and soliciting public input on [ ["https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTEwMjkuMTIxNTk4NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2EvZlJhZnQtcmlyay1ldmFsdWFOaW9uLW1ldGh5bGVuZS1jaGxvcmlkZSJ9.WGKJ5LhMengM\\_wo35i0UO7G\\_EASEAVg868Pc40Auphs/br/70659416153-l" data-bbox="118 158 919 230"\] of more than 70 uses of Methylene Chloride \(MC\), including commercial paint and coating removal, consumer adhesives, sealants, degreasers, cleaners and automobile care products. Starting on November 22, 2019, \[ \["https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTEwMjkuMTIxNTk4NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2Evcmlyay1tYW5hZ2VtZW50LW1ldGh5bGVuZS1jaGxvcmlkZSJ9.D1TRNmVkCcs8qOrxGgmIaPH3QrMaBm32r6tgQ5pb-i8/br/70659416153-l" data-bbox="118 298 919 370"\\] at any retail or distribution establishments that have consumer sales, including e-commerce sales. The draft risk evaluation for MC discusses how workers, occupational non-users, consumers, and bystanders could be adversely affected by MC under certain conditions of use. Methylene chloride is the fifth of the \\[ \\["https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTEwMjkuMTIxNTk4NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2Evcmlyay1ldmFsdWFOaW9ucy1leGlzdGluZy1jaGVtaW5hbmHMtdW5kZXItZHNjYSN0ZW4ifQ.jDEkZ-CCh4vq9waZDnV-DMPGcMVp1BYyIF\\\\_Wxblb1BI/br/70659416153-l" data-bbox="118 458 919 530"\\\] to undergo risk evaluation under the amended TSCA. EPA will accept \\\[ \\\["https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0437-0001" data-bbox="118 558 919 590"\\\\] on the draft risk evaluation until \\\\*\\\\*December 30, 2019\\\\*\\\\*. EPA will also hold a peer review meeting of EPA's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals \\\\(SACC\\\\) on the draft risk evaluation for this chemical's conditions of use on \\\\*\\\\*December 3-4, 2019\\\\*\\\\*.\\\]\\\(https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0437-0001\\\)\\]\\(https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTEwMjkuMTIxNTk4NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2Evcmlyay1ldmFsdWFOaW9ucy1leGlzdGluZy1jaGVtaW5hbmHMtdW5kZXItZHNjYSN0ZW4ifQ.jDEkZ-CCh4vq9waZDnV-DMPGcMVp1BYyIF\\_Wxblb1BI/br/70659416153-l\\)\]\(https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTEwMjkuMTIxNTk4NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2Evcmlyay1tYW5hZ2VtZW50LW1ldGh5bGVuZS1jaGxvcmlkZSJ9.D1TRNmVkCcs8qOrxGgmIaPH3QrMaBm32r6tgQ5pb-i8/br/70659416153-l\)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTEwMjkuMTIxNTk4NzEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2EvZlJhZnQtcmlyay1ldmFsdWFOaW9uLW1ldGh5bGVuZS1jaGxvcmlkZSJ9.WGKJ5LhMengM_wo35i0UO7G_EASEAVg868Pc40Auphs/br/70659416153-l)
- **N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP) Draft Risk Evaluations for Public and Scientific Review** EPA is soliciting public input on [ ["https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTExMDQuMTI0MTkyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2EvZlJhZnQtcmlyay1ldmFsdWFOaW9uLW4tbWV0aHlscHlycm9saWRvbmUtbnM1wlnO.TbsS4p4oerKYatN-cK5dcoNel93mGpBlo4\\_-gKufj74/br/70901606736-l" data-bbox="118 705 919 777"\] of more than 30 uses of N-methylpyrrolidone \(NMP\), including adhesives, sealants, paints and arts and craft paints, paint and coating removers, adhesive removers, and degreasers. In the draft risk evaluation, EPA has made a preliminary determination that NMP does not present risks to the environment, bystanders, or occupational non-users. Additionally, the draft risk evaluation discusses how workers and consumers could be adversely affected by NMP under certain](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTExMDQuMTI0MTkyMDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L2Fzc2Vzc2luZy1hbmQtbWYuYWdpbmctY2h1bWljYWxzLXVuZGVyLXRzY2EvZlJhZnQtcmlyay1ldmFsdWFOaW9uLW4tbWV0aHlscHlycm9saWRvbmUtbnM1wlnO.TbsS4p4oerKYatN-cK5dcoNel93mGpBlo4_-gKufj74/br/70901606736-l)

conditions of use. EPA will use feedback received from the peer review and public comment process to inform the final risk evaluation for NMP and will provide frequent updates on the agency's progress through this process. NMP is the sixth of the first ten chemicals to undergo risk evaluation under the amended TSCA. EPA will accept comments on the draft risk evaluation for 60 days after the Federal Register notice publishes. EPA will also hold a [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/tsca-peer-review/peer-review-draft-risk-evaluation-nmp"](https://www.epa.gov/tsca-peer-review/peer-review-draft-risk-evaluation-nmp) ] of EPA's Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) on the draft risk evaluation for this chemical's conditions of use on **December 5-6, 2019**. The peer review meeting is open to the public to attend and provide comments.

- **New Opportunity for Public Comment on CBI Procedures** On October 30, in response to an April 2019 court decision on the [ [HYPERLINK "https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJldWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTUwMzAuMTIyMTYxMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5yZWd1bGF0aW9ucy5nb3YvZG9jdW1lbnQ\\_RD1FUEEtSFET1BQVC0yMDE2LTA0MjYtMDA3MCJ9.7MQslPol7C5Z9KnZpt-3Lcwglzq0ctQFSfD0kAh08so/br/70703857150-l"](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJldWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTUwMzAuMTIyMTYxMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5yZWd1bGF0aW9ucy5nb3YvZG9jdW1lbnQ_RD1FUEEtSFET1BQVC0yMDE2LTA0MjYtMDA3MCJ9.7MQslPol7C5Z9KnZpt-3Lcwglzq0ctQFSfD0kAh08so/br/70703857150-l) ], EPA is [ [HYPERLINK "https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJldWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTUwMzAuMTIyMTYxMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L3RzY2EtaW52ZW50b3J5L2NoZW1pY2FsLWlkZW50aXR5LWNiaS1jbGFpbXMtYWN0aXZILWNoZW1pY2Fscy10c2NhLWludmVuZG9yeSJ9.x0\\_JRbFnMykzggz688Rib\\_S84EiN-ZlhTttZU9bzGqk/br/70703857150-l"](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJldWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkjoiMjAxOTUwMzAuMTIyMTYxMjEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5lcGEuZ292L3RzY2EtaW52ZW50b3J5L2NoZW1pY2FsLWlkZW50aXR5LWNiaS1jbGFpbXMtYWN0aXZILWNoZW1pY2Fscy10c2NhLWludmVuZG9yeSJ9.x0_JRbFnMykzggz688Rib_S84EiN-ZlhTttZU9bzGqk/br/70703857150-l) ] that includes two additional questions about “reverse engineering” that manufacturers and processors would be required to answer when making Confidential Business Information (CBI) claims. The Agency is also proposing a process for manufacturers and processors to use to amend and update certain previously-submitted claims to include responses to these additional questions, as required to be addressed by federal circuit court decision. This supplemental notice impacts only the universe of CBI claims made for specific chemical identities for chemicals reported as “active” in response to the Active-Inactive Rule. Upon publication in the Federal Register of the supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking, EPA will accept public comments for 30 days in docket [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0320"](https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0320) ].
- **Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review Packages**
  - **Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM):** Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Addition to TRI List of Chemicals
  - **Supplemental National Proposed Rule Making (NPRM):** Long-Chain Perfluoroalkyl Carboxylate (LCPFAC) Significant New Use Rule (SNUR)

## REMINDERS

- Due **November 4:** FY19 EOY measures
  - FY19 EOY data in spreadsheet for CORE, RSP2, TRI measure
- Due **November 8:** FY20 Bids for TRI measure in BFS

#### UPCOMING CALLS/MEETINGS

Date	Topic	Location
Nov. 5,12: 8:30AM (EST)	Weekly OCSPP Leadership Meeting	VTC/Call
Nov. 5 – 6	Pesticides Educational Resources Collaborative (PERC) Advisory Board Meeting	St. Louis, MO
Nov. 6: 2 PM (EST)	Monthly Regional Lead Coordinators	Call
Nov. 6 – 7	R5 Pre-SFIREG	Chicago, IL
Nov. 12	R1 Pre-SFIREG	Concord, NH
Nov. 12 – 13	R3 Pre-SFIREG	Inwood, WV
Nov. 12 – 13	R10 Annual Pesticides Directors Meeting with States and Tribes/R10 Pre-SFIREG	Seattle, WA
Nov. 13	Monthly Regional P2 Managers	Call
Nov. 14, 21: 12:30 (EST)	Weekly HQ-Region Certification Plan Workgroup	Call
Nov. 14	Monthly OCSPP/RDD meeting	VTC
Nov. 18 – 22	Joint Meeting on Pesticides Management	Bangkok, Thailand
Nov. 19	R7 Pre-SFIREG	Kansas City, MO
Nov. 19 – 22	FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel	Arlington, VA
Dec. 2	SACC: Peer Review for EPA Draft Risk Evaluation of Asbestos, and Carbon Tet	Meeting
Dec. 9-10	[ <a href="https://aapco.org/2015/07/30/sfireg-3/">HYPERLINK "https://aapco.org/2015/07/30/sfireg-3/"</a> ]	Potomac Yards
Jan. 22 – 23	OPP/OECA National Pesticides Managers Meeting	VTC

#### UPCOMING WEBINARS/TRAININGS

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N o v. 7: 2 P M (E S T)	EPA Inter nal Webi nar: Final Guid ance for Appli cants Requ estin g to Treat /Disp ose of PCBs Using Incin erati on or Alter nativ e Meth od	Webinar (see [ HYPERLINK "https://usepa.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/OCSPS_Community/LeadRegion/Shared%20Docume nts/Subleads/October%202019%20OCSPS%20Sublead%20Monthly%20Report%20Out.docx?d= wad24a72eb5a340a5be6d1785222becfe&csf=1" ] for call details)
N o v. 1 4	Hem p 101: Pest	Webinar (see [ HYPERLINK "https://usepa.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/OCSPS_Community/LeadRegion/Shared%20Docume nts/Subleads/October%202019%20OCSPS%20Sublead%20Monthly%20Report%20Out.docx?d= wad24a72eb5a340a5be6d1785222becfe&csf=1" ] for details)

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**PERSONNEL UPDATES\***: Organizational charts are available [ [HYPERLINK](#)

"<https://usepa.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/sites/OCSPCommunity/LeadRegion/Shared%20Documents/Org%20Charts%20and%20Contacts?csf=1>" ]

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**EPA NEWS RELEASES**

- October 24: [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-proposes-rule-update-pesticide-application-exclusion-zone-requirements"](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-proposes-rule-update-pesticide-application-exclusion-zone-requirements) ]

**FINAL RULES/ACTIONS OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Federal Register	Topics	Public Comment Close
[ <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0619-0005">HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0619-0005"</a> ]	Final Rule: New Tolerances Established for Pendimethalin	
[ <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0599-0129">HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0599-0129"</a> ]	Final Rule: New Tolerances Established for Sulfoxaflor	
[ <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0356-0001">HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0356-0001"</a> ]	ICR FRN-1: Renewal of <b>School IPM Awards ICR</b> (2070-0200; EPA ICR No. 2531.02)	11/8/19
[ <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0117-0002">HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0117-0002"</a> ]	Notice: Proposed Low-Priority Substance Designation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability, Request for Comment	11/13/19
[ <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0488-0009">HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0488-0009"</a> ]	Notice: Proposed <b>High-Priority</b> Substance Designations under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment	11/21/19
[ <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0265-0008">HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0265-0008"</a> ]	Notice: Antimicrobial Performance Evaluation Program ( <b>APEP</b> ): A (Draft) Risk-Based Strategy to Ensure the Effectiveness of Hospital-Level Disinfectants;	12/2/19

	Notice of Availability and Request for Comments	
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